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SUBJ: PRESS CONFERENCE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. MR. KISSINGER: MAY I MAKE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS.
COULD WE HAVE THE FIRST GROUP OF QUESTIONS FROM THE
PERUVIAN JOURNALISTS AND THEN WE WILL TAKE SOME FROM
THE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. BEFORE WE TAKE ANY
QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT WHAT I HAVE
ALREADY SAID EARLIER AND WHAT I AM GOING TO SAY

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AGAIN TONIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU FOR THE VERY WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED AND FOR THE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL TALKS WE HAVE HAD. (A LONG PAUSE AWAITING QUESTIONS.) IN WASHINGTON THE LYNCHING WOULD BE IN PROGRESS BY NOW.

Q. (ANIBAL ALVARADO, COMERCIO); DR. KISSINGER, RECENT NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS INSTRUCTED THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CIA. DOES THIS MEAN A RESTUCTURING OF U.S. SECURITY POLICIES AND ALSO A COMMITMENT OF NO FURTHER INTERFERENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS?

A. THE REORGANIZATION THAT WAS ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT INDICATES THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO DEAL WITH TWO PROBLEMS: HOW TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS EVEN GREATER EXECUTIVE CONTROL OVER INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, AND ALSO HOW TO REGULATE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA. THE CHARGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE HAVE BEEN SENSATIONALIZED, AND IN MANY PARTS ARE INACCURATE.

Q. (JOREGE CANEDO REYES, LA PRENSA); THE UNITED STATES HAS ADOPTED MEASURES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU, AMONG THEM THE REFUSAL TO SELL ARMS, WEAPONS; RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE, ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS IN INTERNATIONAL CREDIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHERS. WITH RESPECT TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE POINTS, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY BROUGHT UP ANY SOLUTIONS AS AN EXPRESSION OF U.S. GOOD WILL IN TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

A. I BELIEVE THAT THE QUESTION IS BASED ON A MISAPPREHENSION. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT ENGAGED IN A POLICY OF PRESSURE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN PERU. AS I STATED AT THE AIRPORT, AS I WILL HAVE OCCASION TO REPEAT AGAIN, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION AND IS

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WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ANY COUNTRY THAT PURSUES AN AUTHENTIC NATIONAL PATH TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT. WE THINK THAT IN A WORLD THAT REQUIRES PEACE AND PROGRESS, THE ABILITY OF COUNTRIES THAT MAY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS ABOUT THEIR INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO COOPERATE ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY IS ESSENTIAL. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFICS, THE UNITED STATES IN FACT SOLD, I BELIEVE, CLOSE TO 70 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF

MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PERU IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. THERE ARE NO BANS AT THIS MOMENT ON ANY OF OUR FACILITIES. THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS, SOME OF WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT FAVORED, WHICH GO INTO EFFECT IF CERTAIN MEASURES ARE TAKEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE ARE MAKING VERY GREAT EFFORTS TO AVOID HAVING TO RESORT TO THESE LEGISLATIVE MANDATES AND THEY ARE AT THIS MOMENT NOT IN EFFECT. THE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS PERU IS TO SEEK A MODE OF COOPERATION AND TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND BILATERALLY ON CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMS.

Q. (BERT SALDANA TEJADA, NOTICIERO); DR. KISSINGER, YOUR VISIT HAS CREATED GREAT EXPECTATION AND INTEREST, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE MOTIVATIONAL REASON FOR IT. CAN IT BE CONSIDERED A PREAMBLE FOR BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA?

A. MY MOTIVATIONS ARE GENERALLY NOT AS COMPLICATED AS THE SUBTLETY OF THE LATIN MIND SEEMS TO BELIEVE, BUT BASICALLY MY VISIT HERE IS TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO THE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AS WELL AS TO RELATIONS WITH PERU. WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE EITHER BILATERALLY OR IN EXISTING FORUMS ON COMMON SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS. WHAT WE SHOULD AVOID IS TO MAKE TOO MANY RHETORICAL DECLARATIONS AND TO WORK OUT SOME CONCRETE PROGRAMS WHICH CAN ENGAGE THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITY OF OUR GOVERNMENTS SO THAT WE DO NOT EXHAUST OURSELVES IN FORMAL DECLARATIONS AND BEGIN TO GET TO WORK ON OUR COMMON

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PROBLEMS.

Q. (RODOLFO OROZCO, CORREO); DR. KISSINGER, SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE REPORTED IN LATIN AMERICA AND ALSO SOME CHARGES HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH ACCUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF OVERTHROWING THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION, DR. KISSINGER?

A. MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT THE COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS THAT WAS LOOKING INTO THIS QUESTION SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DID NOT OVERTHROW THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT AND THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE FACT THE UNITED STATES HAS AN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN CHILE BUT IT DID NOT

FEEL OR ENCOURAGE THE COUP THAT OVERTHREW ALLENDE.

Q. (PABLO PAICENTINI, DIARIO EXCELSIOR DE MEXICO):
THE FACT, MR. SECRETARY, THAT THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES
OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE SUPPORTED THE FNMA AND THE
HOLDEN ROVERTO MOVEMENT AND THE ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA
HAVE PRODUCED, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT THE COOPERATION
OR PRESENCE OF THE RACIST GOVERNMENT OF PRETORIA IS
ONE THAT HAS PRODUCED REACTIONS AMONGST THE UNITED
STATES BLACK COMMUNITY AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE GROUPS
IN THE UNITED STATES?

A. FIRST OF ALL, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TOTALLY
WRONG ASSUMPTIONS IN THAT QUESTION. THE UNITED
STATES WAS IN FAVOR OF AN AFRICAN SOLUTION TO THE

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PROBLEM OF ANGOLA. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT SUPPORT ANY MILITARY ACTION IN ANGOLA UNTIL A MASSIVE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, IN WHICH CASE WE RESPONDED TO REQUEST OF SEVERAL AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THE UNITED STATES HAS FORMALLY PROPOSED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CEASE, THAT ALL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD STOP SUPPLYING ARMS IN ANGOLA, AND THAT THE VARIOUS GROUPS IN ANGOLA SHOULD NEGOTIATE AMONG EACH OTHER THEIR OWN SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES HAD NO INTEREST IN ANGOLA EXCEPT TO KEEP IT FREE OF GREAT POWER COMPETITION. AND, IT WAS THE MASSIVE INTERVENTION OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH SENT IN MORE ARMS INTO ANGOLA THAN ALL OTHER FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENTS HAVE SENT INTO ALL OF THE REST OF AFRICA DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR AND A LARGE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM THIS HEMISPHERE. THE UNITED STATES OPPOSED SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION AS WELL AS ALL OTHER FOREIGN INTERVENTION. AND THE UNITED STATES' INTEREST WAS TO KEEP AFRICA FREE OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY. AS FAR AS THE BLACK POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED WE ARE CERTAIN THAT IT LOOKS AT OUR FOREIGN POLICY FROM A NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW AND THAT THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW WITHIN THE BLACK POPULATION AS THERE ARE IN THE REST OF THE POPULATION BUT THAT THERE IS NOT A UNIFIED POSITION.

Q. (JOANNE OMANG, WASHINGTON POST); SECRETARY KISSINGER, YOU HAVE SAID THAT YOU HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO ATTEND THE OAS CONFERENCE IN CHILE IN JUNE. COULD YOU TELL US PLEASE ON WHAT BASIS YOU WILL MAKE YOUR DECISION AND WHETHER THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SITUATION REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE?

A. MY BASIC PLAN IS TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE OAS AS HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL. I HAVE NOT YET MADE MY FINAL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE BECAUSE IT IS A MONTH OF MANY CONFLICTING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS BUT I AM IN THE PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO WORK IT OUT. WITH RESPECT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION IN CHILE AND ELSEWHERE THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED A GREATER DEGREE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS KNOWN.

Q. (JAMES GOFF, LATIN AMERICA PRESS); MY QUESTION HAS REFERENCE TO WHAT YOU SAID IN BUSINESS WEEK IN DECEMBER THAT THE AID OF THE UNITED STATES IN FOOD HAS IMPORTANCE FOR MORAL AND HUMANITARIAN REASONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN 1973 THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH YOU HEAD, ORDERED A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE FOOD POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEPENDENCE OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ON THE UNITED STATES AS A UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPLIER OF FOOD. THE WASHINGTON POST LAST YEAR SAID THAT THE FOOD AID PROGRAM EXISTS AS AN ARM OF KISSIGER'S FOREIGN POLICY. WHETHER THAT IS TRUE OR NOT I DON'T KNOW - THAT IS MR. DAN MORGAN'S STATEMENT. MY QUESTION IS, CAN THE FOOD AID PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES BE AN ARM OF FOREIGN POLICY AND AT THE SAME TIME A HUMANITARIAN AND A MORAL POLICY?

A. FIRST OF ALL, THE PRESIDENT HEADS THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND NOT HIS ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY. THE ROLE OF THE ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE CHOICES ARE PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND ALL THE AGENCIES ALWAYS PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SO THAT THEY CAN SEE VERY EASILY WHETHER ALL THE CHOICES ARE PROPERLY PRESENTED, BUT THIS IS A TECHNICAL BUREAUCRATIC POINT. IN TERMS OF SUBSTANCE, IN MY FIRST SPEECH AFTER I BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE I PROPOSED A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WHICH THEN TOOK PLACE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS THE GREATEST EXPORTER OF FOOD IN THE WORLD, HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO USE ITS SURPLUSES TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF INTER-DEPENDENCE AND TO USE THEM IN A WAY THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT HELPS BRING ABOUT A BETTER AND MORE PROGRESSIVE WORLD. SECONDLY, THE SURPLUSES OF THE UNITED STATES, GREAT AS THEY ARE, CAN MAKE ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND, THEREFORE, I HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED AN INCREASE IN THE FOOD AID OF THE UNITED STATES OF WHICH OVER 70. PERCENT IS GIVEN ON THE BASIS OF ANY ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION. BUT WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED PROGRAMS TO BUILD UP WORLD FOOD RESERVES IN ORDER TO CUSHION THE EFFECTS OF EMERGENCIES. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE OF EMERGENCIES. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION, BECAUSE AS I SAID THE TOTAL

GAP BETWEEN CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION IS ABOUT
25 MILLION TONS; THE UNITED STATES CAN CONTRIBUTE
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AT MOST SIX TO SEVEN MILLION TONS TO MEET THIS SHORTFALL.
WE HAVE SUPPORTED WITHIN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE THE
CREATION OF A SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL GROUP. ALL OF
THESE EFFORTS ARE AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH ONE OF
THE PROFOUND HUMAN AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME AND
ARE NOT RELATED TO ANY SHORT-TERM POLITICAL GOALS.
INDEED THEY CANNOT BE RELATED TO ANY SHORT-TERM
POLITICAL GOALS BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE MANY YEARS TO
TAKE EFFECT. BUT WE DO HAVE THE OVERWHELMING PROBLEM
OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES
FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND AND WE HOPE THAT THE UNITED
STATE WILL DISCHARGE ITS OBLIGATIONS IN A RESPONSIBLE
AND ABOVE ALL A HUMANE MANNER.
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